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Application of: *Mason et al.*

Application No.: 09/536,552

Group Art Unit: 1635

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For: IDENTIFICATION OF A NOVEL  
RETROVIRUS ASSOCIATED WITH PRIMARY  
SCLEROSING CHOLANGITIS AND AUTOIMMUNE  
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**PETITION FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME**

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Sir:

Attorneys for Applicants hereby request a two month extension of time for response to the final Office Action dated October 23, 2001 for the above-identified application from January 23, 2002 to and including Monday March 25, 2002 (March 23 being a Saturday and the next business day Monday March 25, 2002). Please Charge the required fees, estimated to be \$400.00, to Pennie & Edmonds LLP, Deposit Account No. 16-1150. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed for accounting purposes.

Respectfully submitted,

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